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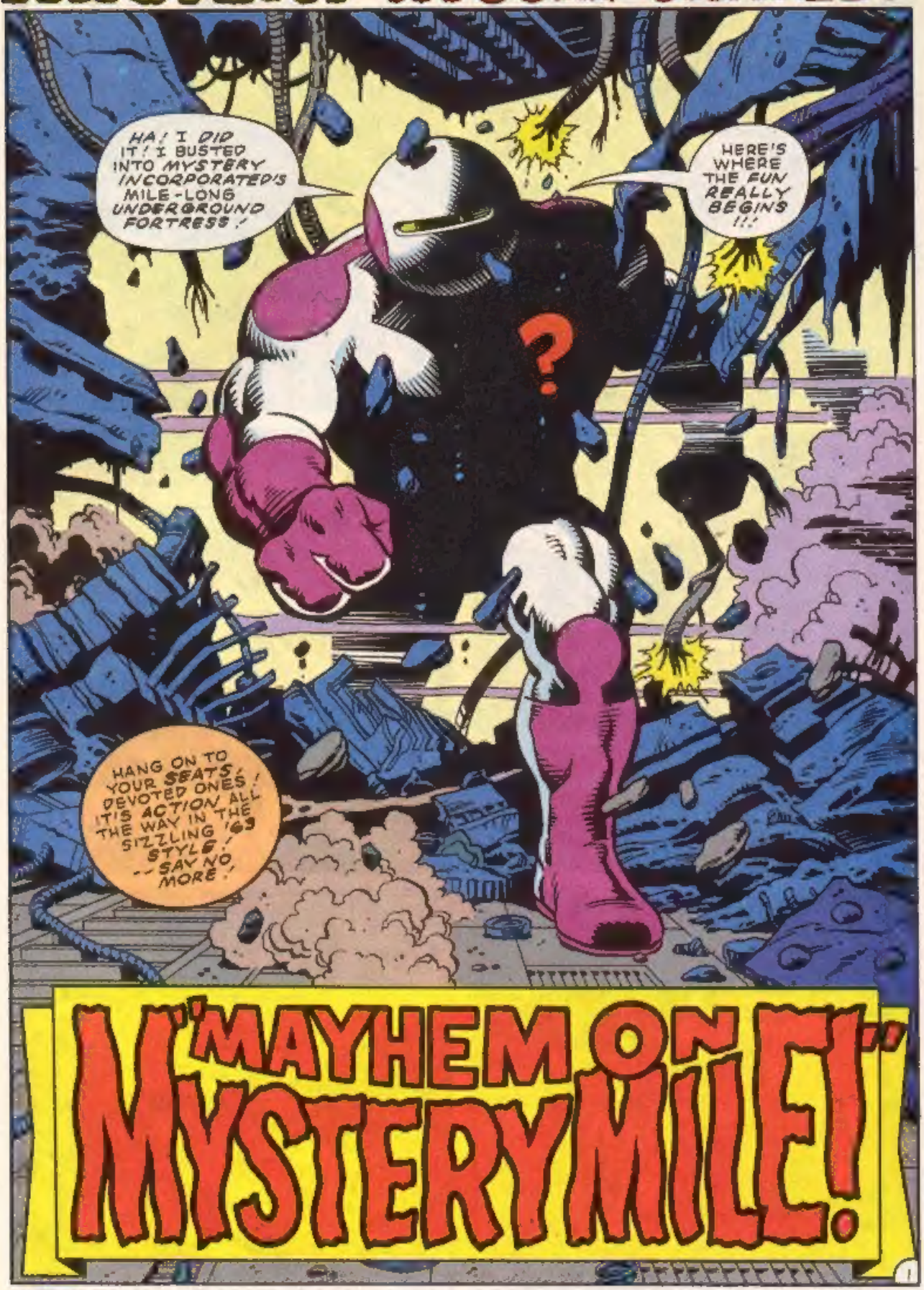
BOOK ONE
MYSTERY INCORPORATED
GOLDARN IT, CRYSTAL MAN! OUR OWN HEADQUARTERS IS TRYING TO MURDER US...
...AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
MAYHEM ON THE MYSTERY MILE!


HA! I DID IT! I BUSTED INTO MYSTERY INCORPORATED'S MILE-LONG UNDERGROUND FORTRESS!
HERE'S WHERE THE FUN REALLY BEGINS!!!
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HANG ON TO YOUR SEATS, DEVOTED ONES! IT'S ACTION ALL THE WAY IN THE SIZZLING '69 STYLE! --SAY NO MORE!

# "MAYHEM ON MYSTERY MILE!"



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WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE? BARS COMING OUT OF THE WALLS!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN THAT CUT-GLASS SMARTY-PANTS WOULD WANT TO SHOW OFF HIS NEW TOYS!
AW! TOO BAD! I BROKE IT!
LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE THEY GOT FOR ME TO PLAY WITH!
FLAME JETS?!?
WHAT DO THEY EXPECT ME TO DO? TURN BACK BECAUSE I FORGOT THE MARSH-MALLOWS?!?
Y'KNOW, IF YOU GUYS ARE LISTENING IN, THIS IS KIND OF INSULTING!
I MEAN, WHO ARE THESE GIMMICKS SUPPOSED TO KEEP OUT? LIBERACE?!?
HUH?!?
IN FACT, IF I WASN'T SUCH A SUCKER FOR A CHALLENGE, I'D...
GUESS I SPOKE TOO SOON!!!
THESE RUBY GALOSHES I SUDDENLY SPROUTED CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...!
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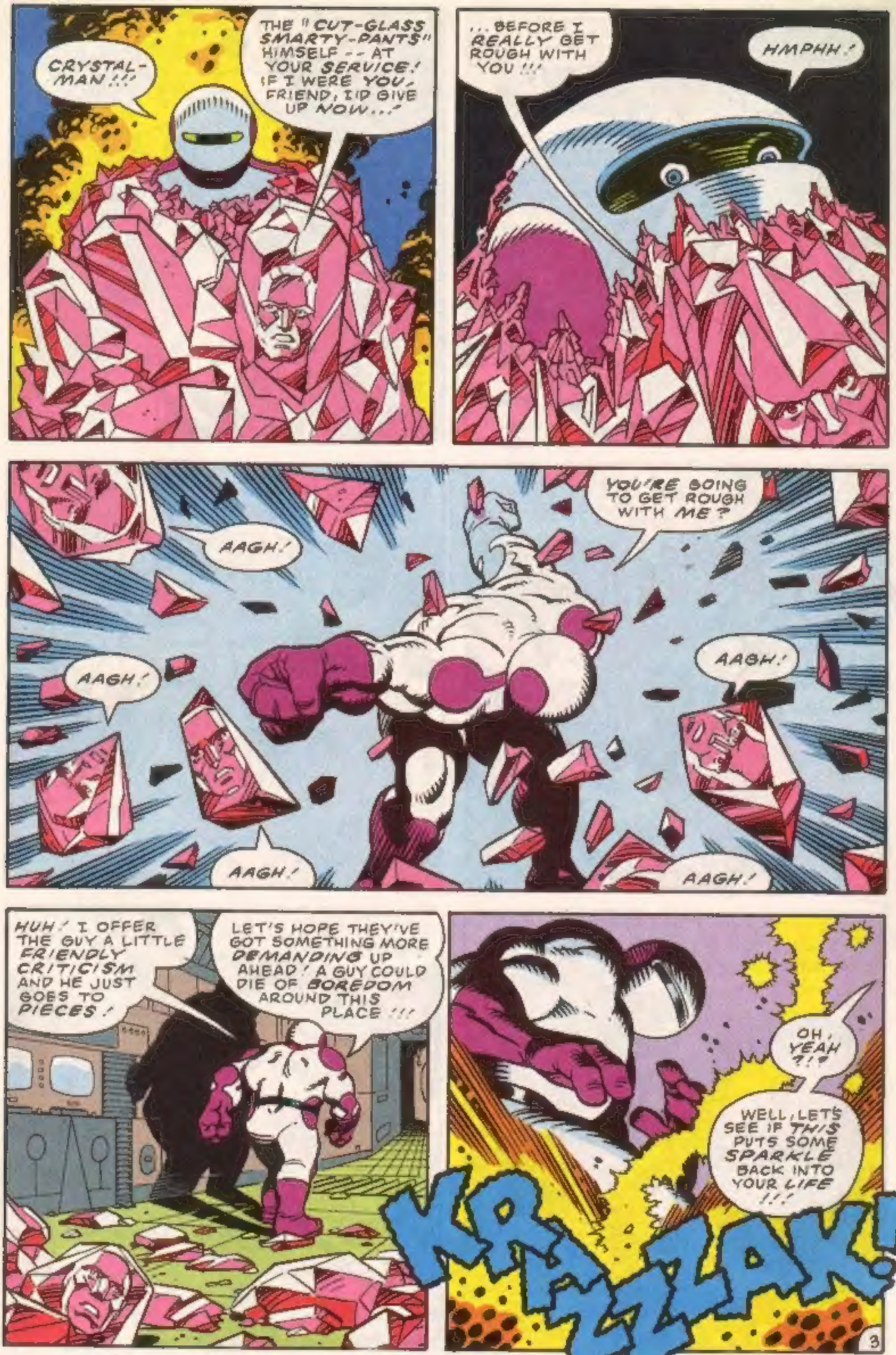
CRYSTAL-MAN!!!
THE "CUT-GLASS SMARTY-PANTS" HIMSELF -- AT YOUR SERVICE! IF I WERE YOU, FRIEND, I'D GIVE UP NOW...!
...BEFORE I REALLY GET ROUGH WITH YOU!!!
HMPHH!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET ROUGH WITH ME?
AAGH!
AAGH!
AAGH!
AAGH!
AAGH!
HUH! I OFFER THE GUY A LITTLE FRIENDLY CRITICISM AND HE JUST GOES TO PIECES!
LET'S HOPE THEY'VE GOT SOMETHING MORE DEMANDING UP AHEAD! A GUY COULD DIE OF BOREDOM AROUND THIS PLACE!!!
OH, YEAH?!
WELL, LET'S SEE IF THIS PUTS SOME SPARKLE BACK INTO YOUR LIFE!!!
KRAZZAK!
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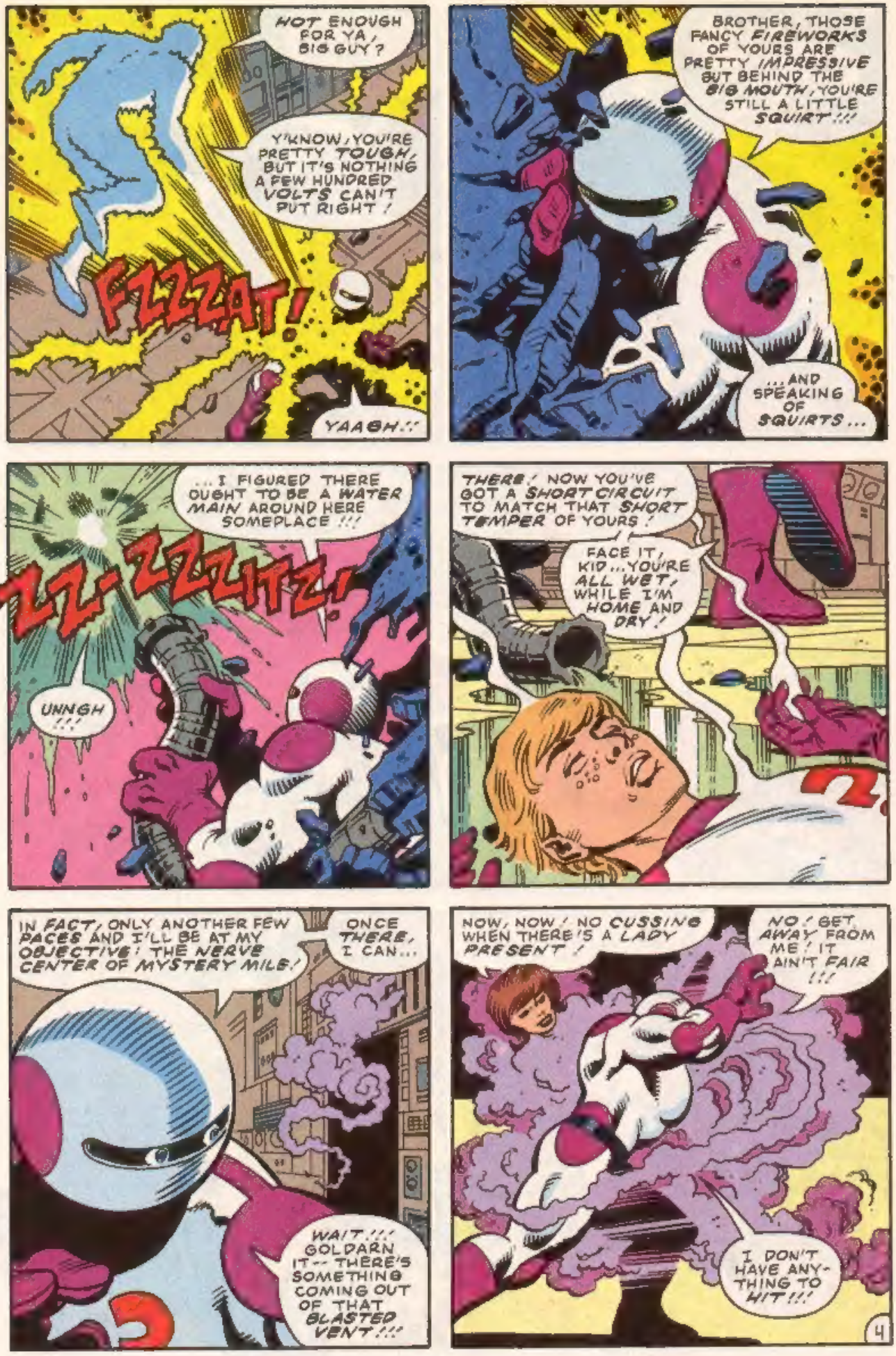
HOT ENOUGH FOR YA, BIG GUY?
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, BUT IT'S NOTHING A FEW HUNDRED VOLTS CAN'T PUT RIGHT!
FZZZAT!
YAAGH!!
BROTHER, THOSE FANCY FIREWORKS OF YOURS ARE PRETTY IMPRESSIVE BUT BEHIND THE BIG MOUTH, YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE SQUIRT!!!
...AND SPEAKING OF SQUIRTS...
...I FIGURED THERE OUGHT TO BE A WATER MAIN AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE!!!
ZZ-ZZZLITZ!
UNNGH!!!
THERE! NOW YOU'VE GOT A SHORT CIRCUIT TO MATCH THAT SHORT TEMPER OF YOURS!
FACE IT, KID...YOU'RE ALL WET, WHILE I'M HOME AND DRY!
IN FACT, ONLY ANOTHER FEW PACES AND I'LL BE AT MY OBJECTIVE! THE NERVE CENTER OF MYSTERY MILE!
ONCE THERE, I CAN...
WAIT!!! GOLDARN IT-- THERE'S SOMETHING COMING OUT OF THAT BLASTED VENT!!!
NOW, NOW! NO CUSSING WHEN THERE'S A LADY PRESENT!
NO! GET AWAY FROM ME! IT AIN'T FAIR!!!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO HIT!!!
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THAT'S RIGHT! NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO BREATHE, EITHER!!!
GASP! BLACKING OUT... THESE LIGHTS IN MY EYES... CAN'T...
LOOKS LIKE WE RECOVERED TOO LATE TO BE ANY USE, KID. JEANNIE'S GOT THE BIG GALOOT ON THE ROPES ALL BY HERSELF!!!
DAMES! THEY'RE ALL SPOILSPORTS! OH, WELL, LET'S FINISH HIM OFF!
HAD ENOUGH, BIFF? OR SHOULD I GET YOUR KID BROTHER HERE TO TURN UP THE VOLTAGE?
YEAH, YEAH. I QUIT, UNCLE, OKAY?!?
IT AIN'T FAIR...
I MEAN, YOU GUYS KNOW I COULD NEVER HIT A WOMAN!
NOT WHEN SHE'S MADE OF FLUORESCENT GAS, ANYWAY! C'MON, BIFF, ADMIT IT...
...THE BIG, TOUGH PLANET GOT BEATEN BY AN ITSY-BITSY GIRL!
AW, AND SHE MUSSED YOUR HAIR! WANNA BORROW MY COMB, BIG BROTHER?!?
KNOCK IT OFF, TOMMY... HIS PRIDE'S BRUISED ENOUGH.
HMM. LOOKS LIKE OUR DEFENSE DRILL WORKED OKAY.
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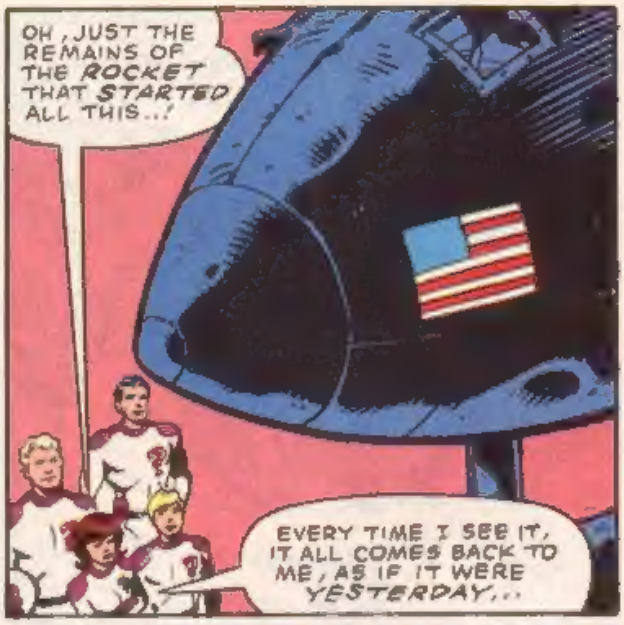
EVEN IF BIFF HAD PENETRATED FURTHER, I'D HAVE TOUGHER ANTI-INTRUDER DEVICES WAITING FOR HIM!
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO INSTALL THEM EVER SINCE AMAZONA BROKE INTO MYSTERY MILE SO EASILY! *
DO I REMEMBER! OL' BIFF'S BEEN CARRYING A TORCH FOR THAT JUNGLE JEZEBEL EVER SINCE!
* SEE MYSTERY INCORPORATED # 23 - ACCURATE AL.

YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT A REAL WOMAN LIKE AMAZONA, JUNIOR! MAYBE WHEN YOU START SHAVING I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU!
JEANNIE! WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!?


OH, JUST THE REMAINS OF THE ROCKET THAT STARTED ALL THIS...!
EVERY TIME I SEE IT, IT ALL COMES BACK TO ME, AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY...

"HOW EXCITED THE GOVERNMENT WAS WHEN THAT MYSTERY ASTEROID PASSED CLOSE TO EARTH ON ITS MILLION-YEAR ORBIT... AND HOW THEY SENT US UP IN A PROTOTYPE MOON-ROCKET TO INVESTIGATE!

"AN ASTRONAUT, A PHYSICIST, AND TWO WHIZ-KID COLLEGE STUDENTS! WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE LETTING OURSELVES IN FOR... NOT UNTIL WE FOUND THAT CRATER WITH THE ALIEN STAIRWAY WINDING DOWN...

"AND AT THE BOTTOM, THOSE GIGANTIC ALIEN STATUES, REMNANTS OF A LONG-DEAD RACE WHOSE PURPOSE WAS BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING!
"HAD THEY BEEN SET TO GUARD SOME PLACE OF POWER; OF OTHERWORLDLY SCIENCE OR RELIGION?
"WE MAY NEVER KNOW. WE ONLY KNOW THAT POWER WAS VERY MUCH ALIVE! REMEMBER, WHEN WE STEPPED UPON THE DECORATED TILES BENEATH THE STATUES? HOW THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH TINGLING RAYS OF COLORED LIGHT?
"WAS THAT CRATER WHERE ALIENS WORSHIPPED THEIR GODS...OR WHERE THEY CREATED THEM? WE WENT IN AS TOMMY BAKER, BIFF BAKER, JEANNIE MORROW AND CRAIG CRANDALL...
"WE CAME OUT AS THE PLANET, KID DYNAMO, NEON QUEEN AND CRYSTAL MAN..!"
...AND EVER SINCE THEN, NOTHING'S BEEN THE SAME!!!
OH, I DON'T KNOW...! YOU'RE STILL AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER!
HEY, FACET-FACE! QUIT MAKING TIME WITH JEANNIE!!! SHE'S MY GIRL...!
TOMMY BAKER! I AM NOT YOUR GIRL! ...OR ANYBODY ELSE'S!!!
HEY, FELLAS! COME ON! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH FIGHTING EACH OTHER FOR ONE DAY!
WHAT WE NEED IS SOME RELAXATION!!!
BIFF'S RIGHT. WE CAN ANSWER ALL THAT FAN-MAIL THOSE GUYS WHO DO THE COMIC-BOOK ABOUT US PASSED ON TO US.
HUH! WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND! STILL, I GUESS IT BEATS GETTING GASSED AND ELECTROCUTED!
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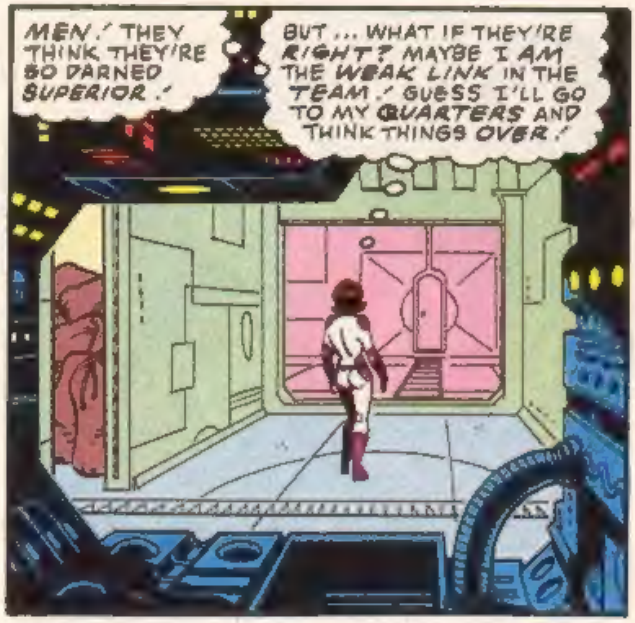
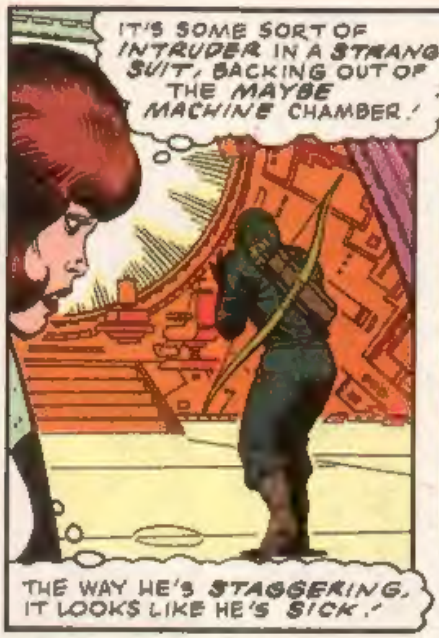
AND SO...
HEH! THE THINGS THESE KIDS WRITE! "DEAR MR. PLANET, WHERE DO YOUR OTHER TWO FINGERS GO WHEN YOU POWER-UP?!?"
DURN GOOD QUESTION, COME TO THINK OF IT!
HMMPH! THE ONLY MAIL ABOUT ME SAYS I SHOULD QUIT THE GROUP!
U.S. MAIL

HEY, DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, GAL O' MINE! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT ALL THE BEST SUPERHEROES ARE GUYS!!!
IF CHICKS GOT INTO SCRAPS LIKE OL' U.S.A. HERE, THEY'D WORRY ABOUT CHIPPING THEIR NAIL-POLISH!!
ASHAMED OF YOU ENGLISH?


MEN! THEY THINK THEY'RE SO DARNED SUPERIOR!
BUT... WHAT IF THEY'RE RIGHT? MAYBE I AM THE WEAK LINK IN THE TEAM! GUESS I'LL GO TO MY QUARTERS AND THINK THINGS OVER!

PERHAPS IF I WERE A LITTLE FLIRT, LIKE INFRA-GIRL...!
WAIT! WHO ON EARTH'S THAT?


IT'S SOME SORT OF INTRUDER IN A STRANGE SUIT, BACKING OUT OF THE MAYBE MACHINE CHAMBER!
THE WAY HE'S STAGGERING, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S SICK!

WELL, HE'LL FEEL A LOT SICKER WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH HIM!
POWER UP!!!
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I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY IS HE STILL BACKING TOWARDS ME? AND WHAT ARE THOSE WEIRD SOUNDS HE'S MAKING?
!HGUOC
!HGUOC

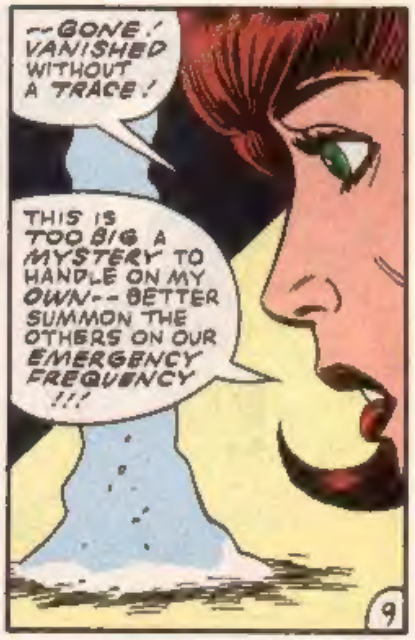
WHAT THE..? HE'S BACKING THROUGH ME -- AND HE SEEMS TO BE RE-COVERING!
INSTEAD OF MAKING HIM WEAKER, I SEEM TO BE MAKING HIM STRONGER!

THIS IS CRAZY! HE'S BACKED THROUGH THE GAS THAT MADE EVEN THE PLANET FEEL GROGGY -- AND HE'S HEALTHIER THAN EVER!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE... MAINTAINING MY VAPOROUS STATE IS USELESS!
POWER DOWN!

I DON'T GET IT -- HOW CAN HE WALK BACKWARDS WITH SUCH EASE AND CONFIDENCE ?!?
IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR IS HE STARTING TO MOVE FASTER ??
-- HE CAN'T SEE WHERE HE'S GOING!

I WAS RIGHT! HE'S MOVING LIKE A SPEEDED-UP FILM, GETTING FASTER AND FASTER UNTIL...

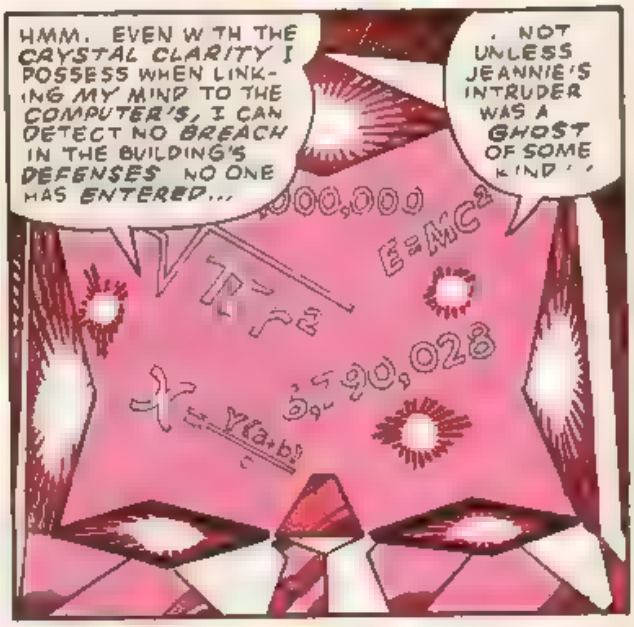
OH! THAT BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT! I CAN'T SEE WHERE HE'S...


-- GONE! VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE!
THIS IS TOO BIG A MYSTERY TO HANDLE ON MY OWN -- BETTER SUMMON THE OTHERS ON OUR EMERGENCY FREQUENCY !!!

AND .
JEANNIE ! WE CAME AS SOON AS OUR BELT-BUZZERS SOUNDED! WHAT'S HAPPENED, DOLL?
TH-THERE WAS AN INTRUDER! HE BACKED OUT OF THE MAYBE MACHINE CHAMBER...

AT FIRST HE SEEMED ILL, BUT WHEN I USED MY POWERS TO SUBDUE HIM, HE GOT STRONGER!
HE WALKED BACKWARDS DOWN THE CORRIDOR, GETTING FASTER AND FASTER... 'TIL HE VANISHED IN A BLINDING FLASH!

THAT'S ODD. OUR SECURITY SYSTEM SHOULD HAVE DETECTED ANY INTRUDER UPON ENTRY
MAYBE IF I KEY INTO MYSTERY MIKE'S COMPUTER NETWORK THROUGH THIS ACCESS POINT, IT'LL TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED!


HMM. EVEN W TH THE CRYSTAL CLARITY I POSSESS WHEN LINK-ING MY MIND TO THE COMPUTER'S, I CAN DETECT NO BREACH IN THE BUILDING'S DEFENSES. NO ONE HAS ENTERED...
. NOT UNLESS JEANNIE'S INTRUDER WAS A GHOST OF SOME KIND!
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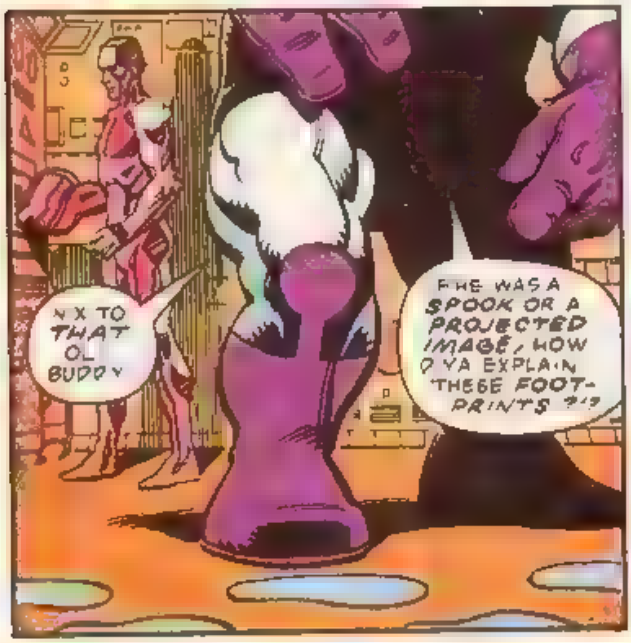
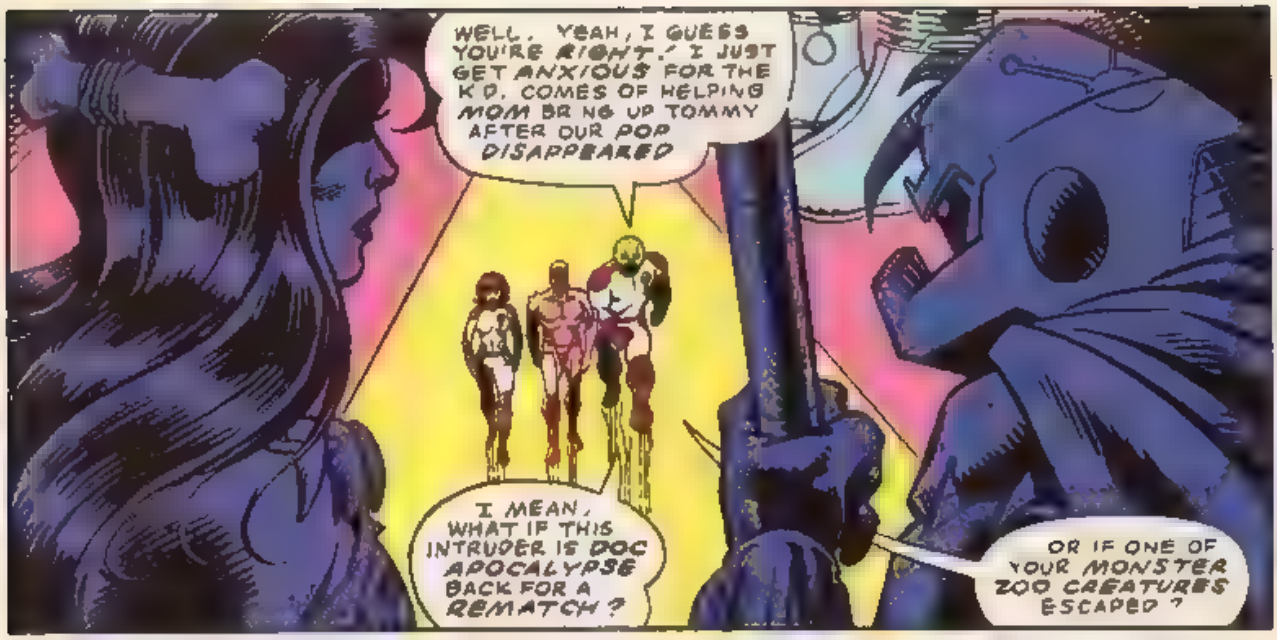
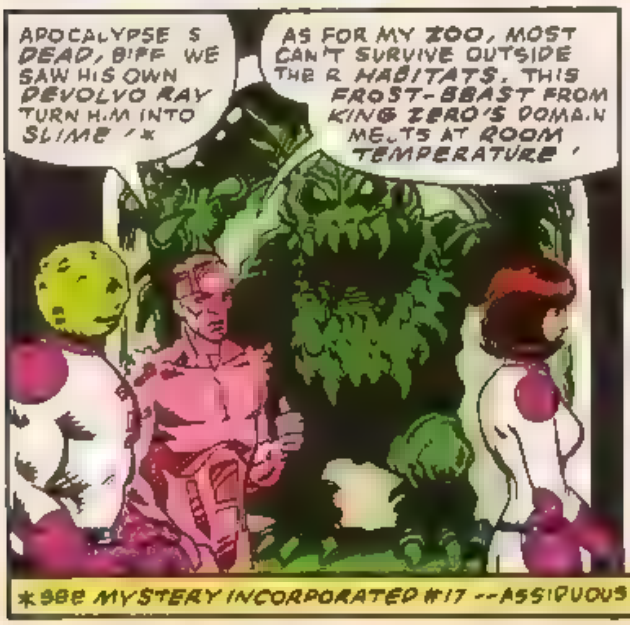

NIX TO THAT OL BUDDY
THE WAS A SPOOK OR A PROJECTED IMAGE, HOW D'YA EXPLAIN THESE FOOT-PRINTS?!

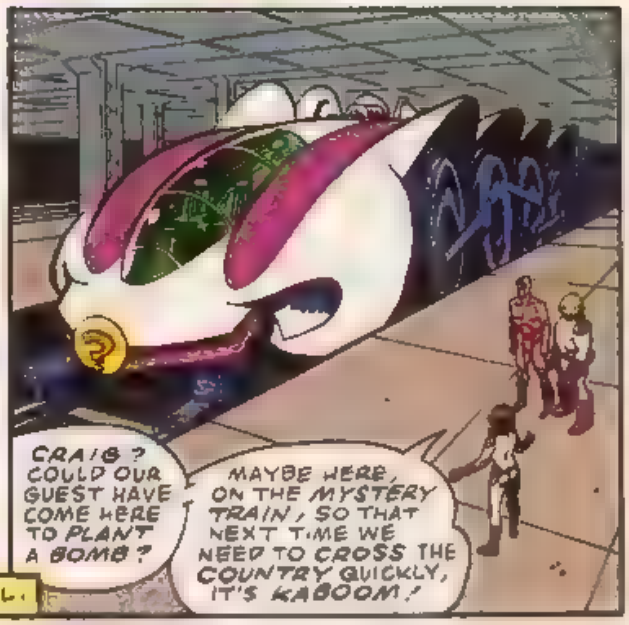
YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU KNOW, IF OUR FRIEND WAS WALKING BACK-WARDS AS JEANNIE DESCRIBED, THEN THESE TRACKS WON'T SHOW US WHERE HE WAS GOING..
BUT WE CAN FOLLOW THEM TO FIND OUT WHERE HE'S BEEN!

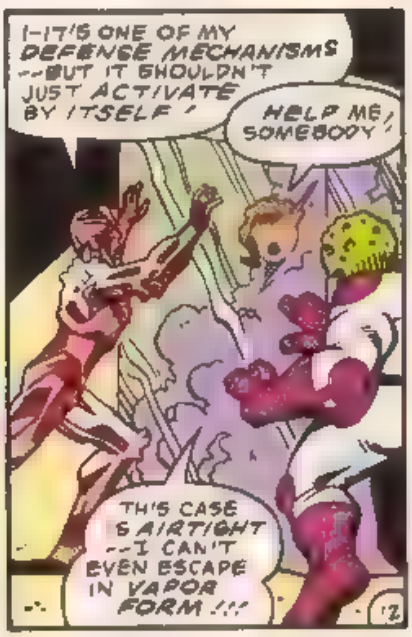
SEE ? IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU HE CAME STAGGERING BACKWARDS FROM THE CHAMBER WHERE WE KEEP THE MAYBE MACHINE '
THAT STRANGE WINDOW INTO OTHER POSSIBLE WORLDS , BUT WHAT COULD HE WANT HERE ? ?
HEY , BOSS-MAN ,' LET'S GET OUTTA HERE ' THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES '
NOT YET, YOUNGSTER
I D SAY IT WAS WHERE OUR VICE-VERSA VISITOR APPEARED
LOOK AT THIS SCORCH MARK .'
, EXCEPT THAT H S FOOTPRINTS GO THROUGH IT
ONLY TO VANISH DOWN TH.S HALLWAY TOWARDS THE COMPUTER VAULTS .'
EXCEPT THE GUY WALKED BACKWARDS, R GHT ?
SO , ACTUALLY HE CAME FROM THE COMPUTER VAULTS '
HMM HE MIGHT HAVE DONE SOME DAMAGE N THERE
ONE OF US SHOULD CHECK
WAY AHEAD OF YOU CHISEL-CHIN ' I'LL BE THERE AND BACK QUICKER'N GREASED LIGHTNING '
HUH ? TOMMY ' YOU COME BACK HERE ' IT'S NOT SAFE FLYING OFF ON YOUR OWN .'
OH , BIFF ' STOP BEING SO OVER-PROTECTIVE '
YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT WAS WHERE THE INTRUDER CAME FROM NOT WHERE HE WENT .


WELL, YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.' I JUST GET ANXIOUS FOR THE K.O. COMES OF HELPING MOM BRING UP TOMMY AFTER OUR POP DISAPPEARED
I MEAN, WHAT IF THIS INTRUDER IS DOC APOCALYPSE BACK FOR A REMATCH?
OR IF ONE OF YOUR MONSTER ZOO CREATURES ESCAPED?


APOCALYPSE IS DEAD, BIFF WE SAW HIS OWN DEVOLVO RAY TURN HIM INTO SLIME!*
AS FOR MY ZOO, MOST CAN'T SURVIVE OUTSIDE THEIR HABITATS. THIS FROST-BEAST FROM KING ZERO'S DOMAIN MELTS AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!

*SEE MYSTERY INCORPORATED #17 --ASSIDUOUS AL.


CRAIG? COULD OUR GUEST HAVE COME HERE TO PLANT A BOMB?
MAYBE HERE, ON THE MYSTERY TRAIN, SO THAT NEXT TIME WE NEED TO CROSS THE COUNTRY QUICKLY, IT'S KABOOM!


I-IT'S ONE OF MY DEFENCE MECHANISMS --BUT IT SHOULDN'T JUST ACTIVATE BY ITSELF!
HELP ME, SOMEBODY!
THIS CASE IS AIRTIGHT --I CAN'T EVEN ESCAPE IN VAPOR FORM!!!
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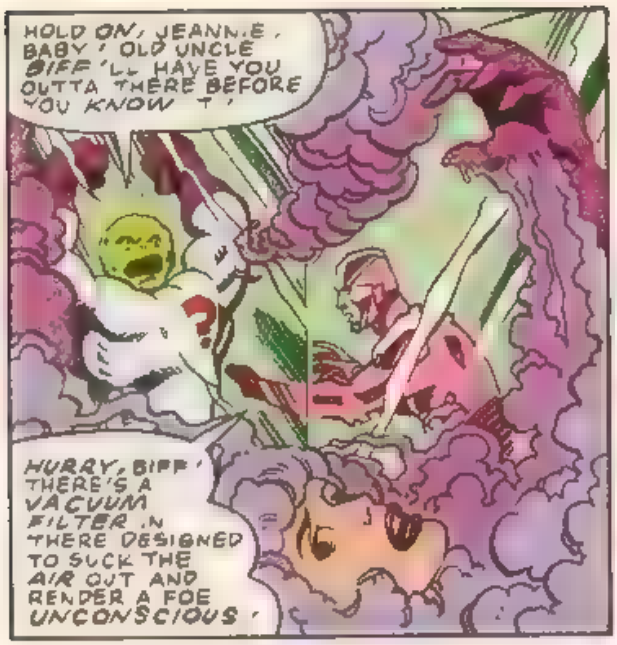
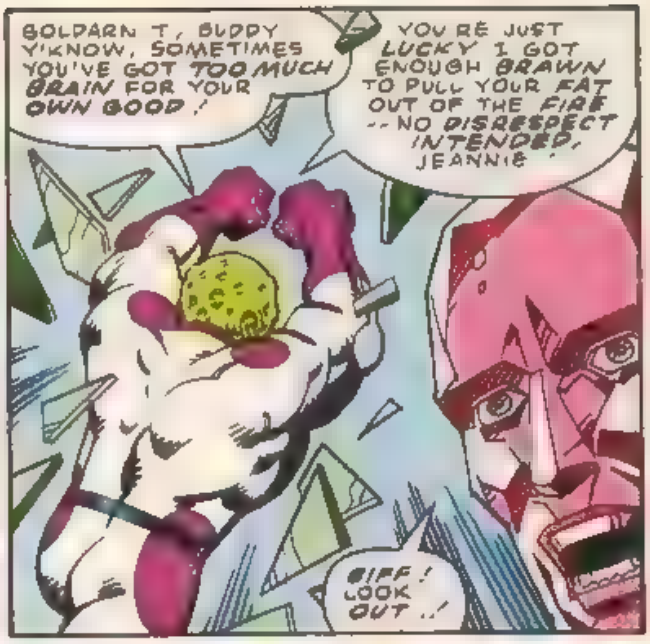
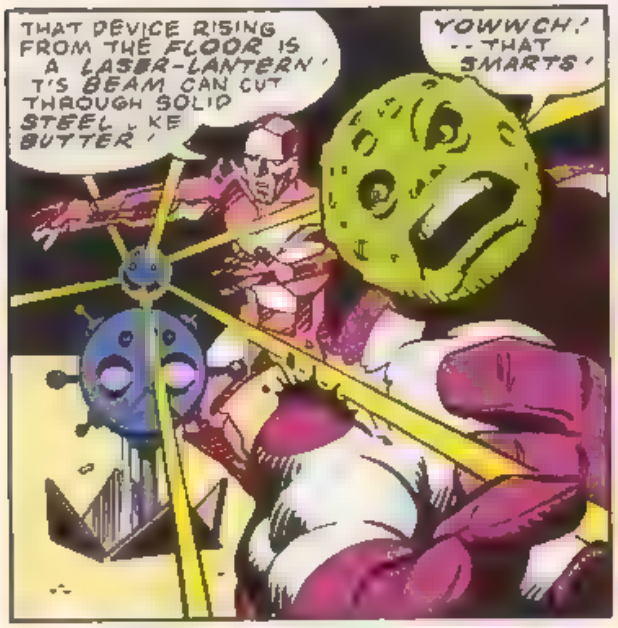
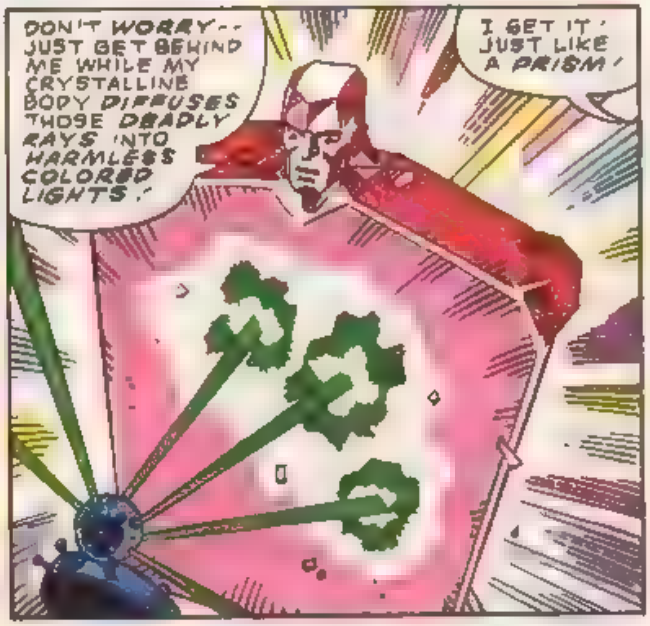
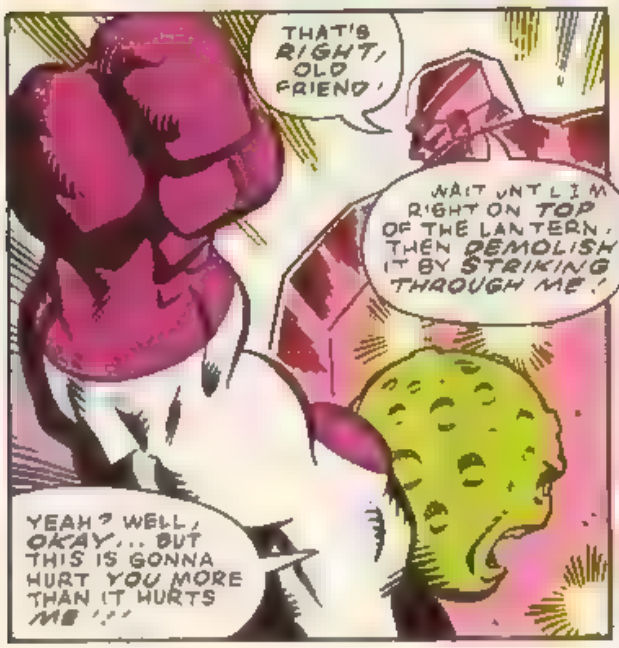
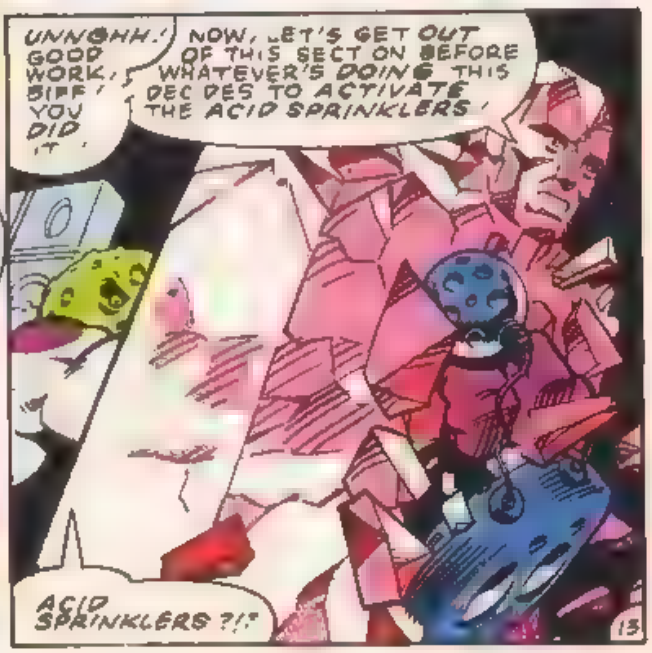

HOLD ON, JEANNIE, BABY! OLD UNCLE BIFF'LL HAVE YOU OUTTA THERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
HURRY, BIFF! THERE'S A VACUUM FILTER IN THERE DESIGNED TO SUCK THE AIR OUT AND RENDER A FOE UNCONSCIOUS!


GOLDARN IT, BUDDY Y'KNOW, SOMETIMES YOU'VE GOT TOO MUCH BRAIN FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
YOU'RE JUST LUCKY I GOT ENOUGH BRAWN TO PULL YOUR FAT OUT OF THE FIRE -- NO DISRESPECT INTENDED, JEANNIE!
BIFF! LOOK OUT..!


THAT DEVICE RISING FROM THE FLOOR IS A LASER-LANTERN! IT'S BEAM CAN CUT THROUGH SOLID STEEL LIKE BUTTER!
YOWWCH! -- THAT SMARTS!


DON'T WORRY -- JUST GET BEHIND ME WHILE MY CRYSTALLINE BODY DIFFUSES THOSE DEADLY RAYS INTO HARMLESS COLORED LIGHTS!
I GET IT, JUST LIKE A PRISM!


THAT'S RIGHT, OLD FRIEND!
WAIT UNTIL I'M RIGHT ON TOP OF THE LANTERN, THEN DEMOLISH IT BY STRIKING THROUGH ME!
YEAH? WELL, OKAY... BUT THIS IS GONNA HURT YOU MORE THAN IT HURTS ME!!


UNNGHH! GOOD WORK, BIFF! YOU DID IT.
NOW, LET'S GET OUT OF THIS SECT ON BEFORE WHATEVER'S DOING THIS DECIDES TO ACTIVATE THE ACID SPRINKLERS!
ACID SPRINKLERS?!?

AND UP ABOVE,
THAT'S ODD... AN EARTH-TREMOR IN NEW YORK? IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO ESCORT CARGO X HERE TO L.A.S.E.R. H.Q. THIS WOULD DEFINITELY BE A JOB FOR THE FURY!
THE GROUND! IT'S SHAKING! WHAT CAN BE CAUSING IT?
IT FEELS LIKE A SUBWAY TRAIN!
GET WISE, SISTER! EVERYBODY KNOWS THERE AIN'T NO SUBWAY LINE UNDER LEXINGTON AVENUE!
WHILE DOWN BELOW...
CRAIG! CAN'T YOU KEY INTO YOUR BLAMED COMPUTER AND SHUT THESE BIZMOS DOWN?
NOT UNTIL WE REACH THE NEXT ACCESS POINT, BFF
AND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OBSTACLES IN OUR WAY!
CRAIG! BIFF! I'M BEING DRAWN INTO SOME KIND OF SUCTION DEVICE!!
POWER DOWN, JEANNIE
AND HOLD ONTO SOMETHING..
..WHILE I FRAGMENT INTO A SHOWER SPLINTER-SELVES...
AND BLOCK UP THESE EXTRACTOR VENTS!
DON'T WORRY JEANNIE, I GOT YOU!
HEY, SPARKLE-SKULL! SHUT OFF THE SUCTION ALREADY, BEFORE THIS BLASTED WALL GIVES WAY
NO PROBLEM, BIFF
...NOT FOR A MULTI-FACETED PERSONALITY LIKE ME!
NOW, LET'S GET MOVING!
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CRAIG, DOESN'T THIS ONSLAUGHT EVER LET UP ?
I'M SORRY, JEANNIE, BUT THESE DEVICES WERE DESIGNED TO KEEP OUT THE N-MAN IF NECESSARY AND THERE'S WORSE AHEAD.
WORSE? WHAT COULD BE WORSE THAN THIS ?
GO-NO-FURTHER-INTRUDERS!
THAT COULD.
THIS-UNIT-NOW-ENGAGING-COMBAT-MODE!
WHAT IN SAM HILL IS IT ?
IT'S OUR NEW AUTO-GUARD, BFF!
AND IT'S EVEN STRONGER THAN IT LOOKS!
YEAH ? WELL, THAT MAKES TWO OF US! I'VE BEEN ITCHING FOR SOMEBODY MY OWN SIZE TO SCRAP WITH.
HEADS UP, ROBBY THE ROBOT.
..THERE'S A PLANET COMING!
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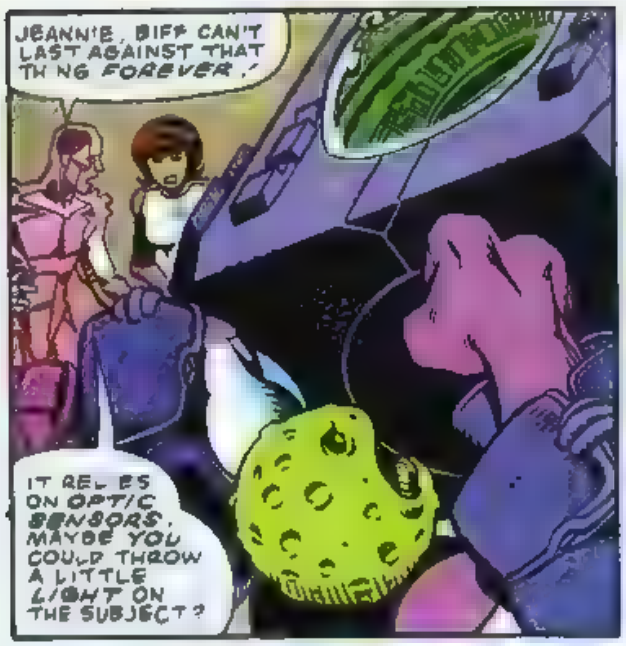
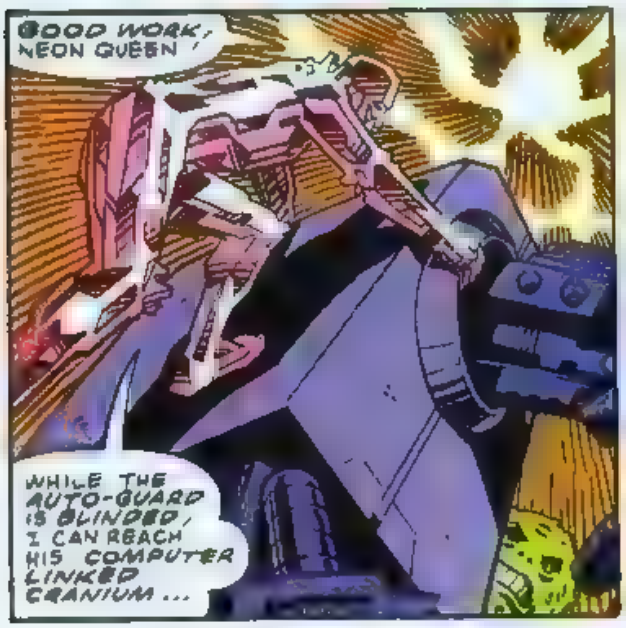
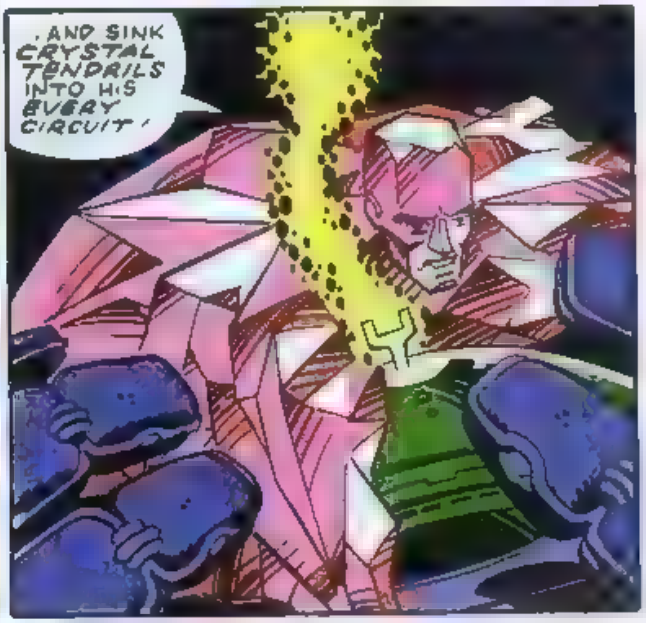
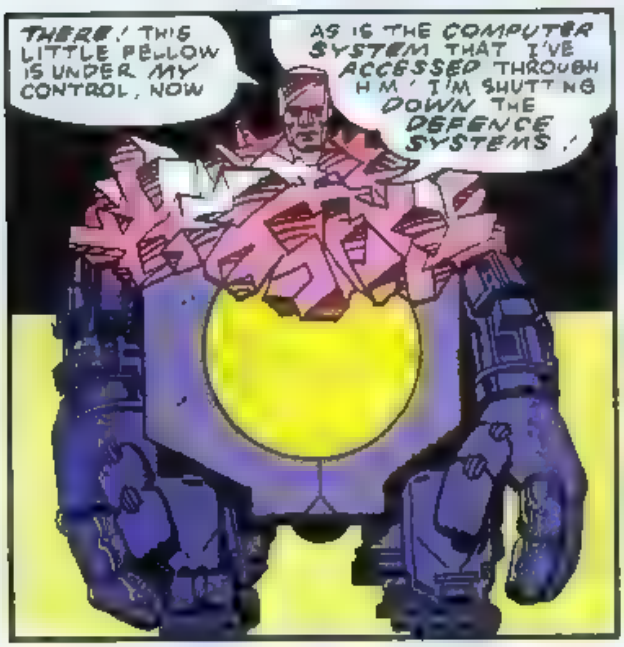
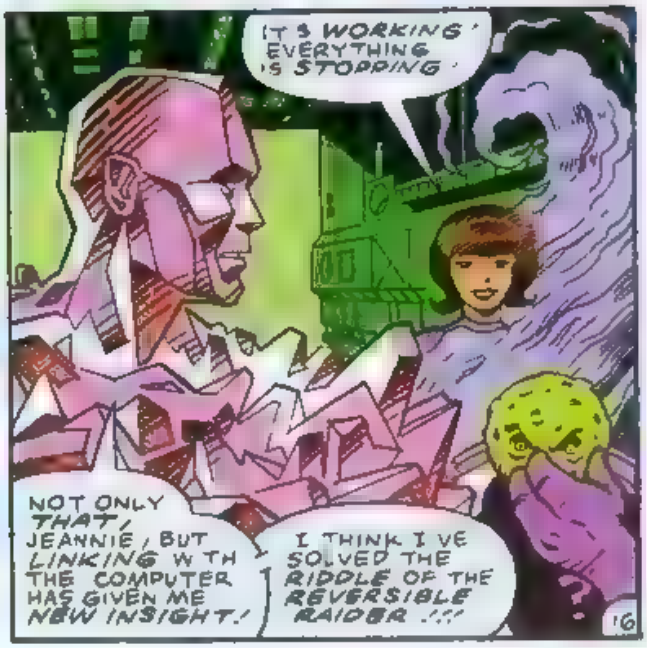

JEANNIE, BIFF CAN'T LAST AGAINST THAT THING FOREVER!
IT RELIES ON OPTIC SENSORS, MAYBE YOU COULD THROW A LITTLE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT?

I READ YOU, CRYSTALMAN! MANEUVER FIFTEEN. YOU RE-ADJUST THE CRYSTALLINE STAUCTURE OF YOUR RETINAS TO HANDLE SUNBURST INTENSITY...!
...WHILE I TURN UP THE BRIGHTNESS AS HIGH AS IT WILL GO!!!


GOOD WORK, NEON QUEEN!
WHILE THE AUTO-GUARD IS BLINDED, I CAN REACH HIS COMPUTER LINKED CRANIUM...


...AND SINK CRYSTAL TENDRILS INTO HIS EVERY CIRCUIT!


THERE! THIS LITTLE FELLOW IS UNDER MY CONTROL, NOW
AS IS THE COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT I'VE ACCESSED THROUGH HIM! I'M SHUTTING DOWN THE DEFENCE SYSTEMS!


IT'S WORKING! EVERYTHING IS STOPPING!
NOT ONLY THAT, JEANNIE, BUT LINKING WITH THE COMPUTER HAS GIVEN ME NEW INSIGHT!
I THINK I'VE SOLVED THE RIDDLE OF THE REVERSIBLE RAIDER!!!
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MEANWHILE...
THIS IS TAKING LONGER THAN I THOUGHT!
MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA, FLYING OFF AND LEAVING JEANNIE WITH THAT GEM-HEADED GIGOLO!
STILL, HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT THESE FOOT-PRINTS...!
THEY LEAD RIGHT INTO... OR SHOULD I SAY FROM... THE COMPUTER VAULT!!!
PITY THAT INTRUDER'S LONG GONE. I'VE BEEN SPOILING FOR A FIGHT ALL WEEK!!!
HOLY MARCONI!
THIS MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY!
WHAT?
YOU - THE ONE THEY CALL KID DYNAMO - I WAS WONDERING HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE YOU FOOLS TO FIND ME!
YOU WERE EXPECTING ME?!?
AW, NUTS!
SHAZZAP!
AND HERE I WAS HOPING IT'D BE LIKE A BOLT OUTTA THE BLUE!
AGGH! THAT HURT... EVEN THROUGH THIS INSULATED SUIT!



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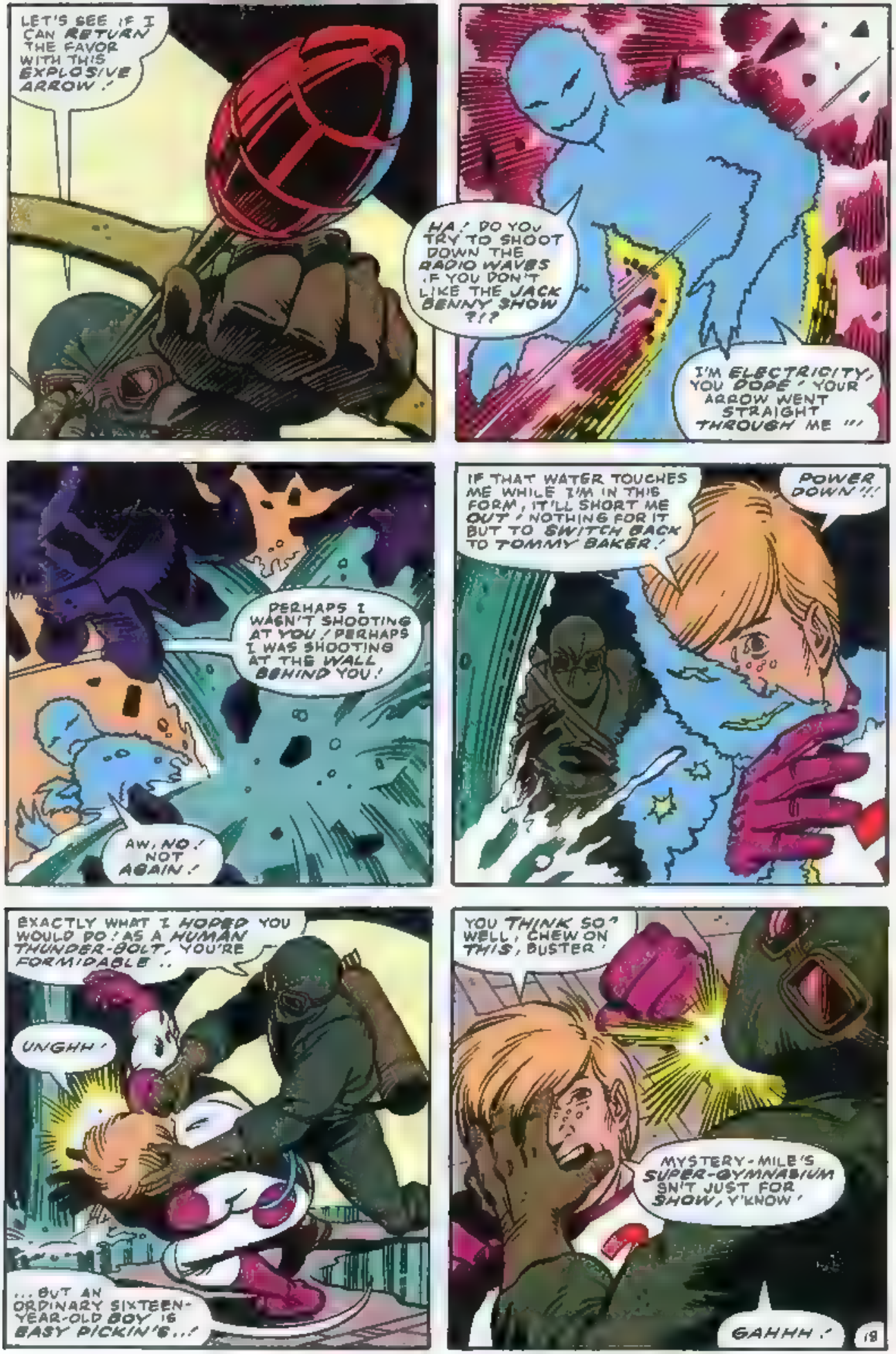
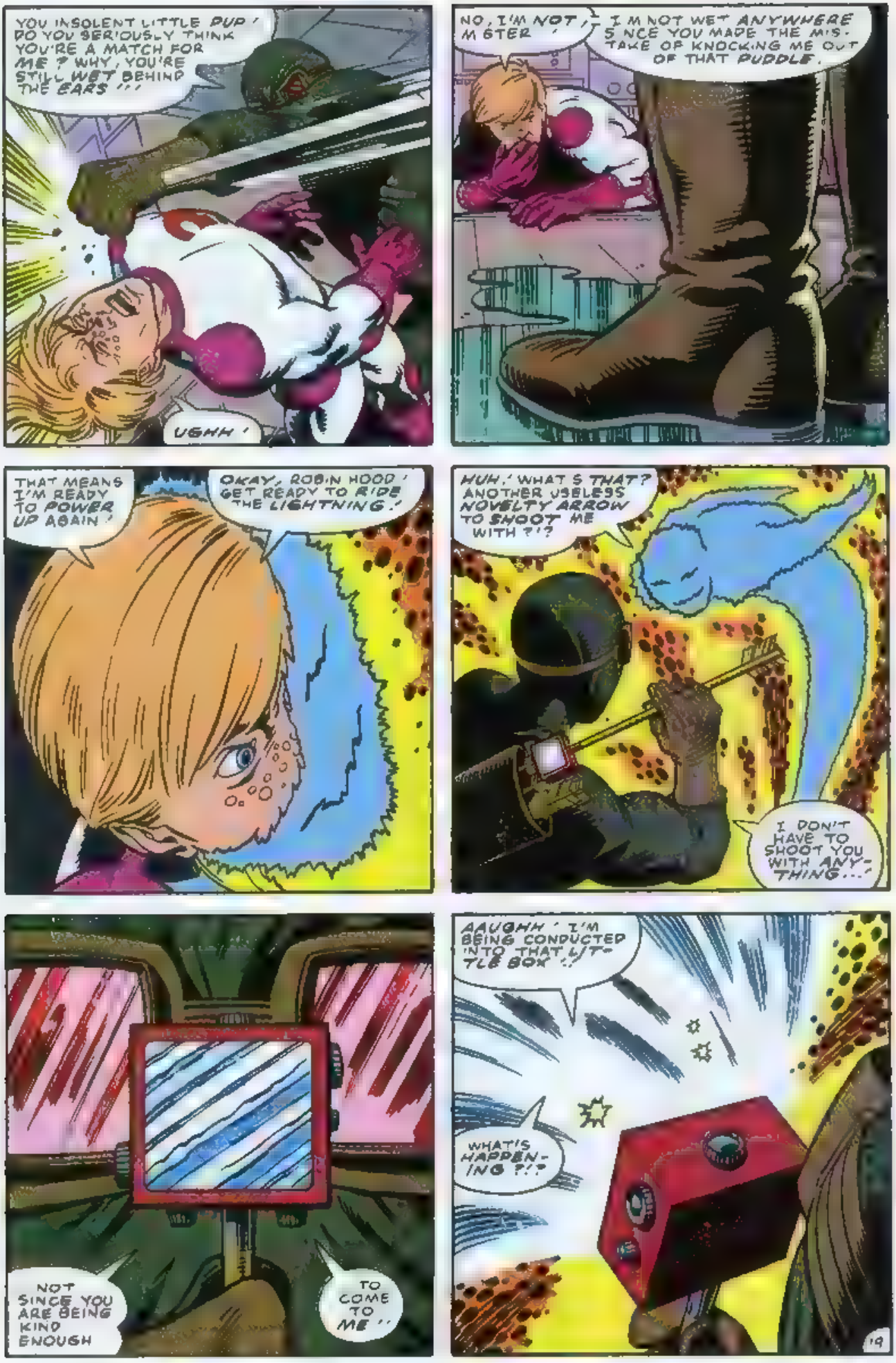

LET'S SEE IF I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR WITH THIS EXPLOSIVE ARROW!
HA! DO YOU TRY TO SHOOT DOWN THE RADIO WAVES IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE JACK BENNY SHOW?!?
I'M ELECTRICITY, YOU DOPE! YOUR ARROW WENT STRAIGHT THROUGH ME!!!
PERHAPS I WASN'T SHOOTING AT YOU! PERHAPS I WAS SHOOTING AT THE WALL BEHIND YOU!
AW, NO! NOT AGAIN!
IF THAT WATER TOUCHES ME WHILE I'M IN THIS FORM, IT'LL SHORT ME OUT! NOTHING FOR IT BUT TO SWITCH BACK TO TOMMY BAKER!
POWER DOWN!!!
EXACTLY WHAT I HOPED YOU WOULD DO! AS A HUMAN THUNDER-BOLT, YOU'RE FORMIDABLE..
UNGHH!
...BUT AN ORDINARY SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY IS EASY PICKIN'S..!
YOU THINK SO? WELL, CHEW ON THIS, BUSTER!
MYSTERY-MILE'S SUPER-GYMNASIUM ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW, Y'KNOW!
GAHHH!


YOU INSOLENT LITTLE PUP! DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU'RE A MATCH FOR ME? WHY, YOU'RE STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS!!!
UGHH!
NO, I'M NOT, MISTER!
I'M NOT WET ANYWHERE SINCE YOU MADE THE MISTAKE OF KNOCKING ME OUT OF THAT PUDDLE.
THAT MEANS I'M READY TO POWER UP AGAIN!
OKAY, ROBIN HOOD! GET READY TO RIDE THE LIGHTNING!
HUH! WHAT'S THAT? ANOTHER USELESS NOVELTY ARROW TO SHOOT ME WITH?!?
I DON'T HAVE TO SHOOT YOU WITH ANYTHING...!
NOT SINCE YOU ARE BEING KIND ENOUGH
TO COME TO ME!!
AAUGHH! I'M BEING CONDUCTED INTO THAT LITTLE BOX!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!?
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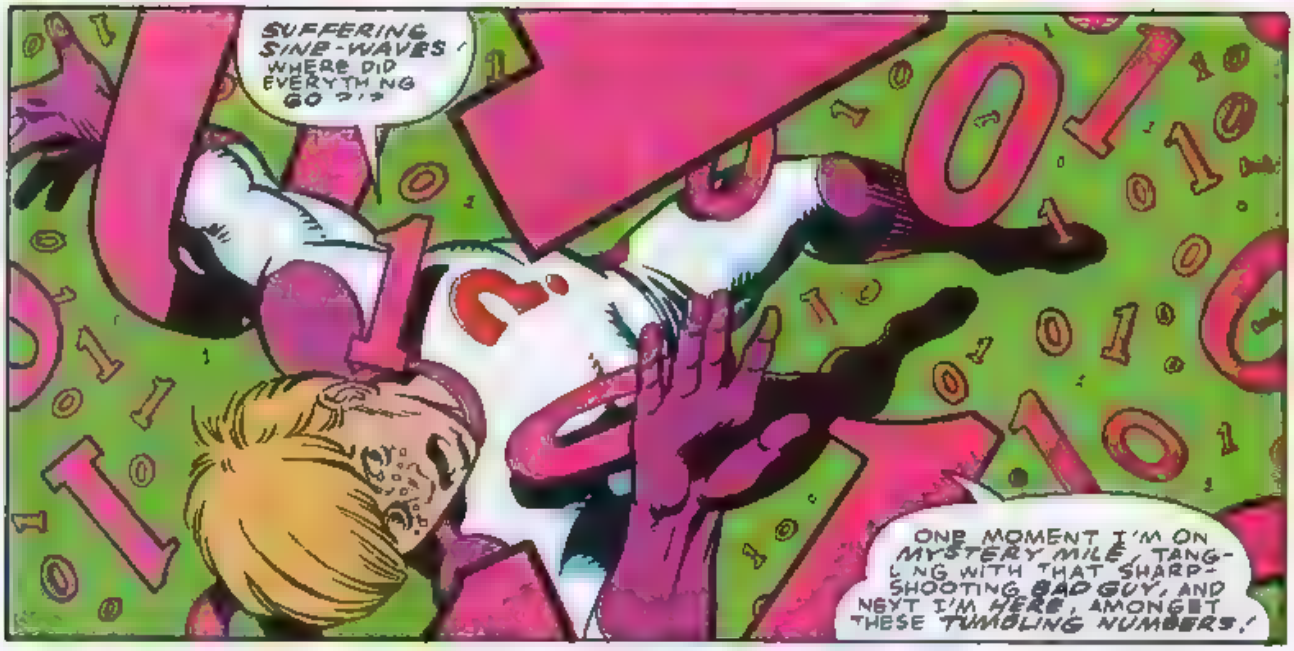
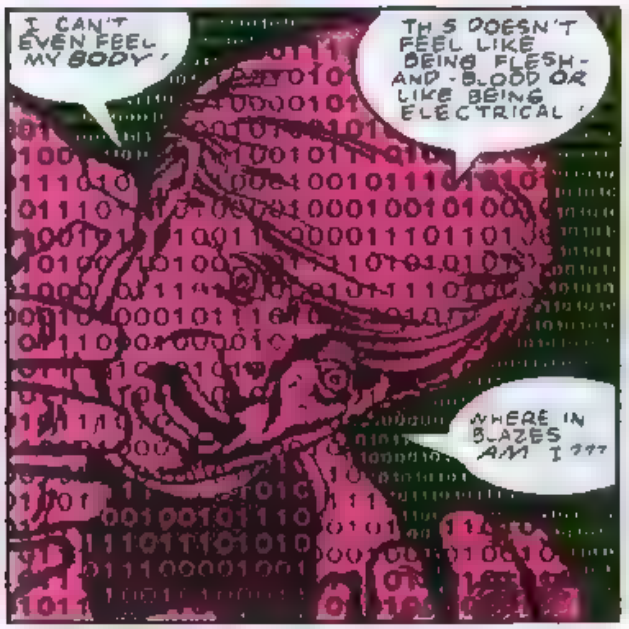
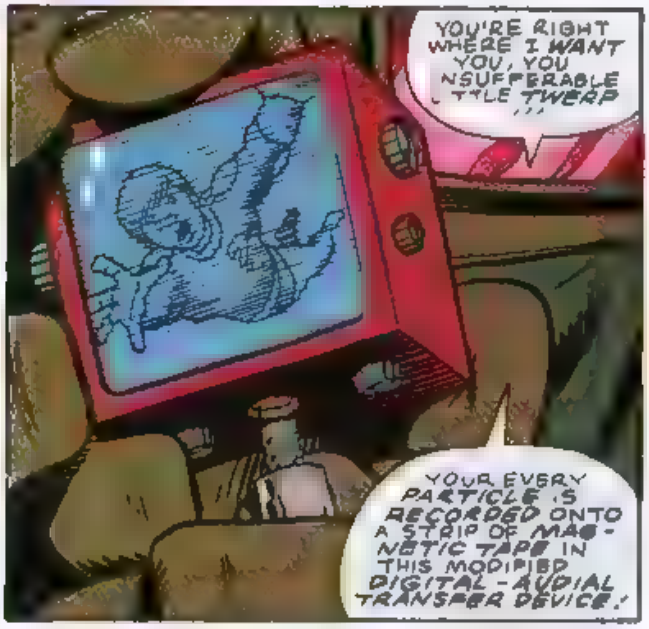
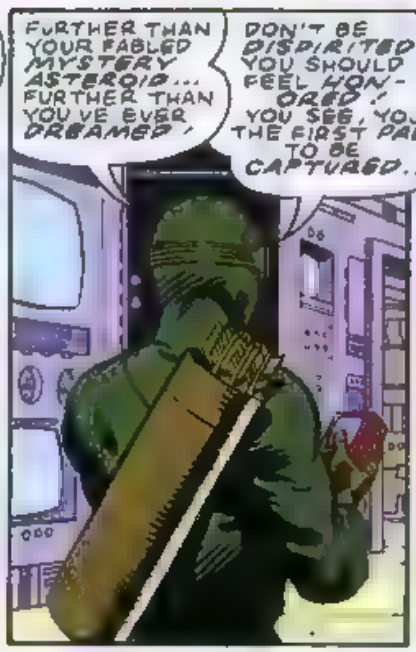

SUFFERING SINE-WAVES! WHERE DID EVERYTHING GO?!
ONE MOMENT I'M ON MYSTERY MILE, TANGLING WITH THAT SHARP-SHOOTING BAD GUY, AND NEXT I'M HERE, AMONGST THESE TUMBLING NUMBERS!


I CAN'T EVEN FEEL MY BODY!
THIS DOESN'T FEEL LIKE BEING FLESH-AND-BLOOD OR LIKE BEING ELECTRICAL!
WHERE IN BLAZES AM I???


YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU, YOU INSUFFERABLE LITTLE TWERP!!!
YOUR EVERY PARTICLE IS RECORDED ONTO A STRIP OF MAGNETIC TAPE IN THIS MODIFIED DIGITAL-AUDIAL TRANSFER DEVICE!

I THINK I'LL SWITCH OFF THE AUDIO SO I WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU BADGERING WHILE WE'RE IN TRANSIT!
YOU SEE, WE'RE GOING ON A JOURNEY, YOU AND I!


FURTHER THAN YOUR FABLED MYSTERY ASTEROID... FURTHER THAN YOU'VE EVER DREAMED!
DON'T BE DISPIRITED! YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED! YOU SEE, YOU'RE THE FIRST PAWN TO BE CAPTURED...

IN THE GREAT AND FINAL WAR OF THE WORLDS.

ELSEWHERE...
OKAY, TWINKLE-TOES.' WE FOLLOWED YOU INTO THE LECTURE ROOM -- NOW, WHERE'S THE BIG REVELATION YOU PROMISED US?
IT'S COMPLICATED BIFF I'LL NEED THIS BLACKBOARD TO EXPLAIN...
YOU SEE, IF I'M RIGHT, OUR INVERTED INTRUDER DOESN'T ORIGINATE IN THIS UNIVERSE AT ALL..! HE CAME HERE THROUGH THE MAYBE MACHINE!
THAT BLASTED THING! IT'S BEEN SPOOKY AROUND HERE EVER SINCE YOU BUILT IT!!
"I MEAN, IT SOUNDED GREAT.. A WINDOW THROUGH WHICH WE COULD STUDY POSSIBLE WORLDS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. BUT, SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE SEEN...!"
"I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! REMEMBER THAT ALTERNATE REALITY WHERE WE EACH STOOD ON DIFFERENT TILES IN THAT CRATER AND RECEIVED EACH OTHER'S POWERS?!?
"I SURE DO! OR THE TIME WE GLIMPSED A WORLD WHERE A BUNCH OF ROOS BEAT US TO THE ASTEROID AND BECAME THE MYSTERY COLLECTIVE..!"
BRR. DON'T REMIND ME! SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, CRAIG? THAT OUR INTRUDER CAME FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE?!?
NOT ONLY THAT, BIFF, BUT HE CAME FROM ANOTHER TIME AS WELL, HERE, I'LL EXPLAIN...
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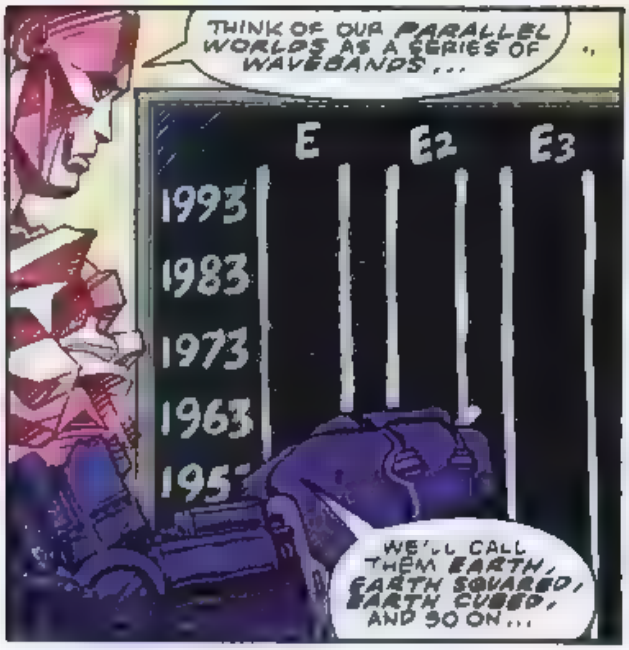


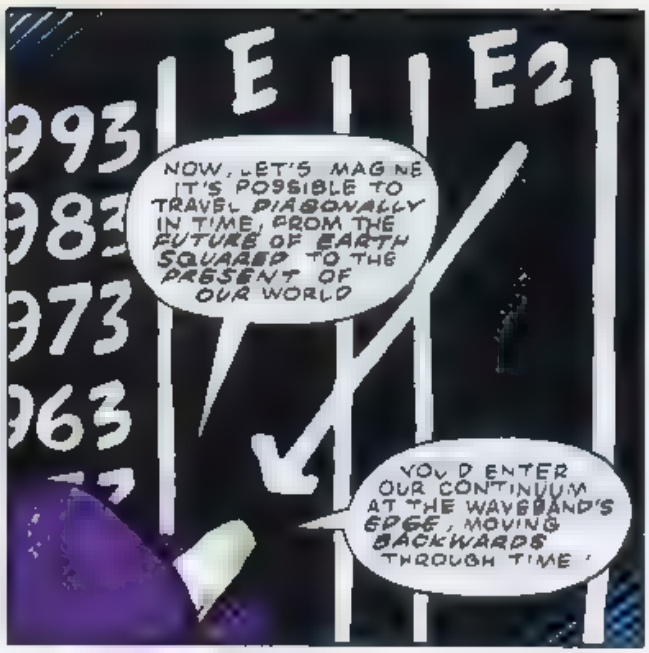
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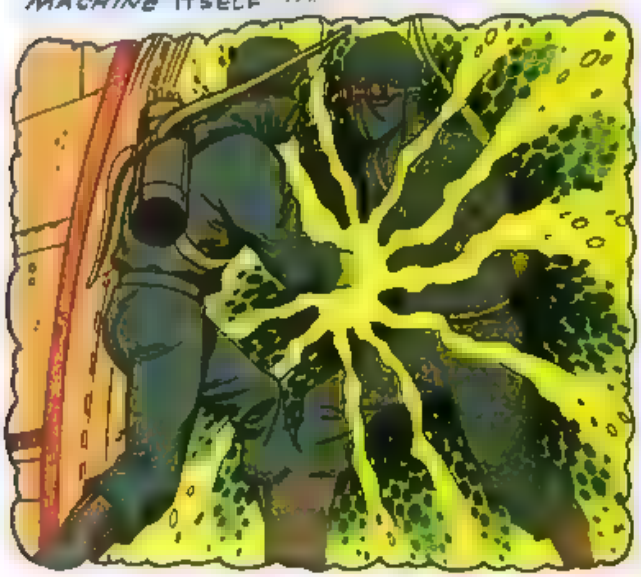
NOW, LET'S IMAGINE IT'S POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL DIAGONALLY IN TIME, FROM THE FUTURE OF EARTH SQUARED TO THE PRESENT OF OUR WORLD
YOU'D ENTER OUR CONTINUUM AT THE WAVEBAND'S EDGE, MOVING BACKWARDS THROUGH TIME!

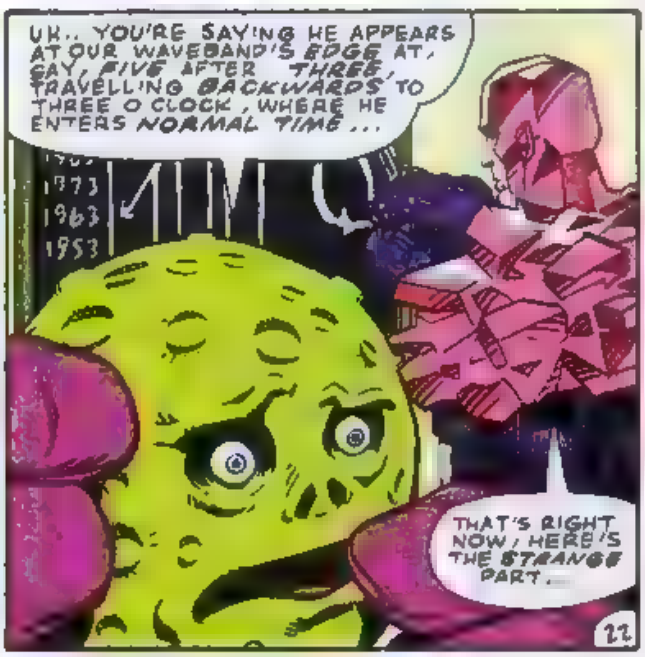
"SINCE THIS DIAGONAL TRAJECTORY IS LONGER, YOU'D ALSO BE MOVING AT A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT SPEED WHEN YOU APPEARED IN A FLASH OF LIGHT, STILL HEADING FROM FUTURE TO PAST!"

"THE FLASH YOU SAW, JEANNIE WAS OUR GUEST ARRIVING, NOT DEPARTING. YOU JUST SAW IT BACKWARDS," HE ARRIVED HEALTHY, THEN WALKED THROUGH YOUR VAPOR CLOUD...

"COUGHING AND REELING, HE STAGGERED INTO THE MAYBE MACHINE CHAMBER, OUT OF SIGHT. REMEMBER, JEANNIE SAW THIS HAPPENING IN REVERSE, SO TO HER, THAT'S WHERE HE APPEARED

"INSIDE THE CHAMBER, HE APPROACHED THE FOCAL POINT OF OUR WAVEBAND, WHERE HE WOULD MATERIALIZE FULLY AND START MOVING ALONG WITH OUR WORLD'S TIME FLOW. THE MAYBE MACHINE ITSELF..."




UH.. YOU'RE SAYING HE APPEARS AT OUR WAVEBAND'S EDGE AT, SAY, FIVE AFTER THREE, TRAVELLING BACKWARDS TO THREE O'CLOCK, WHERE HE ENTERS NORMAL TIME...
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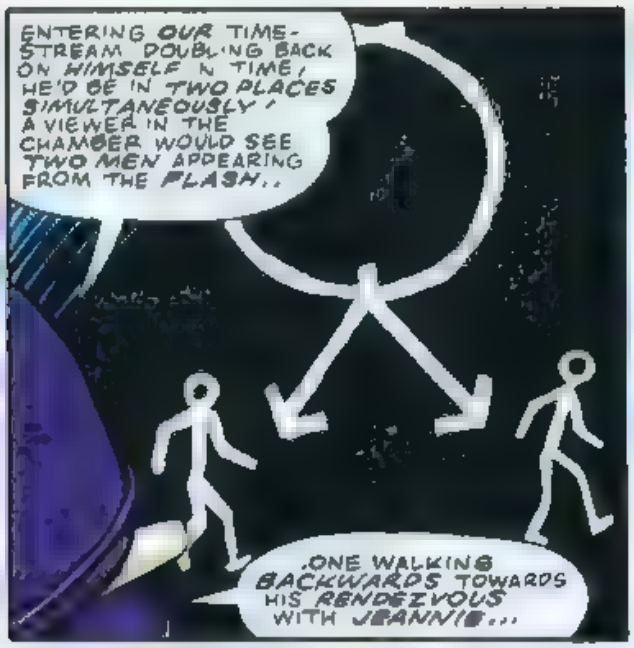
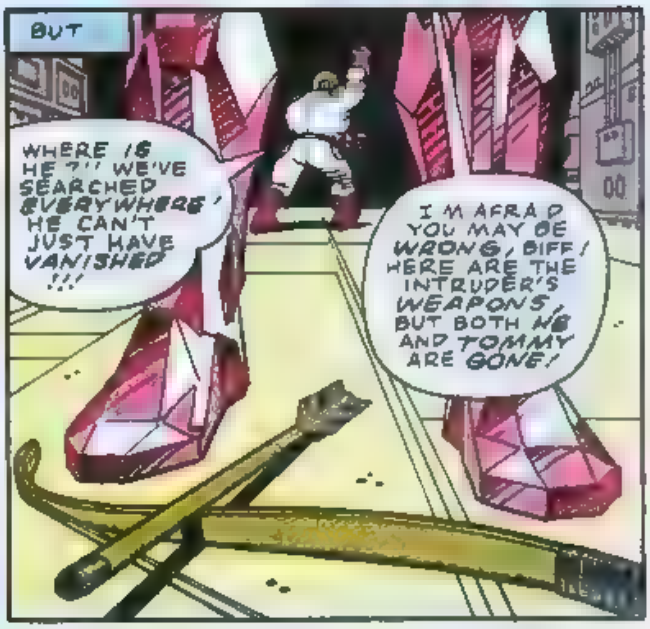
THAT'S RIGHT NOW, HERE'S THE STRANGE PART.


ENTERING OUR TIME-STREAM DOUBLING BACK ON HIMSELF IN TIME, HE'D BE IN TWO PLACES SIMULTANEOUSLY! A VIEWER IN THE CHAMBER WOULD SEE TWO MEN APPEARING FROM THE FLASH..
..ONE WALKING BACKWARDS TOWARDS HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH JEANNIE...

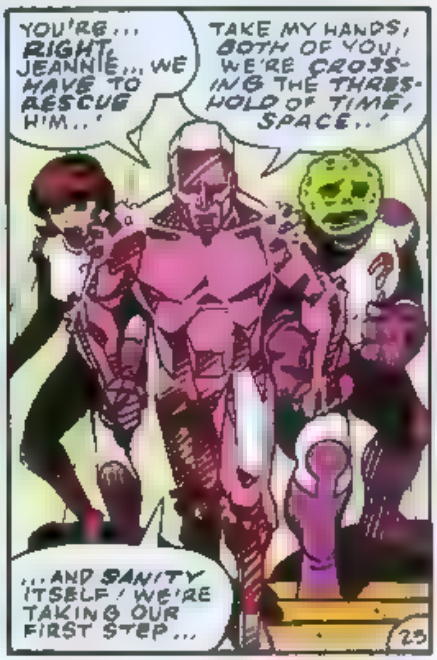
..WHILE THE OTHER, MOVING FORWARDS IN ORDINARY TIME, MAKES HIS WAY TO THE COMPUTER VAULTS!
YOU MEAN, THE INTRUDER DIDN'T LEAVE?! BUT.. IF HE'S STILL HERE, THEN..
THEN TOMMY'S FLYING STRAIGHT INTO A TRAP!

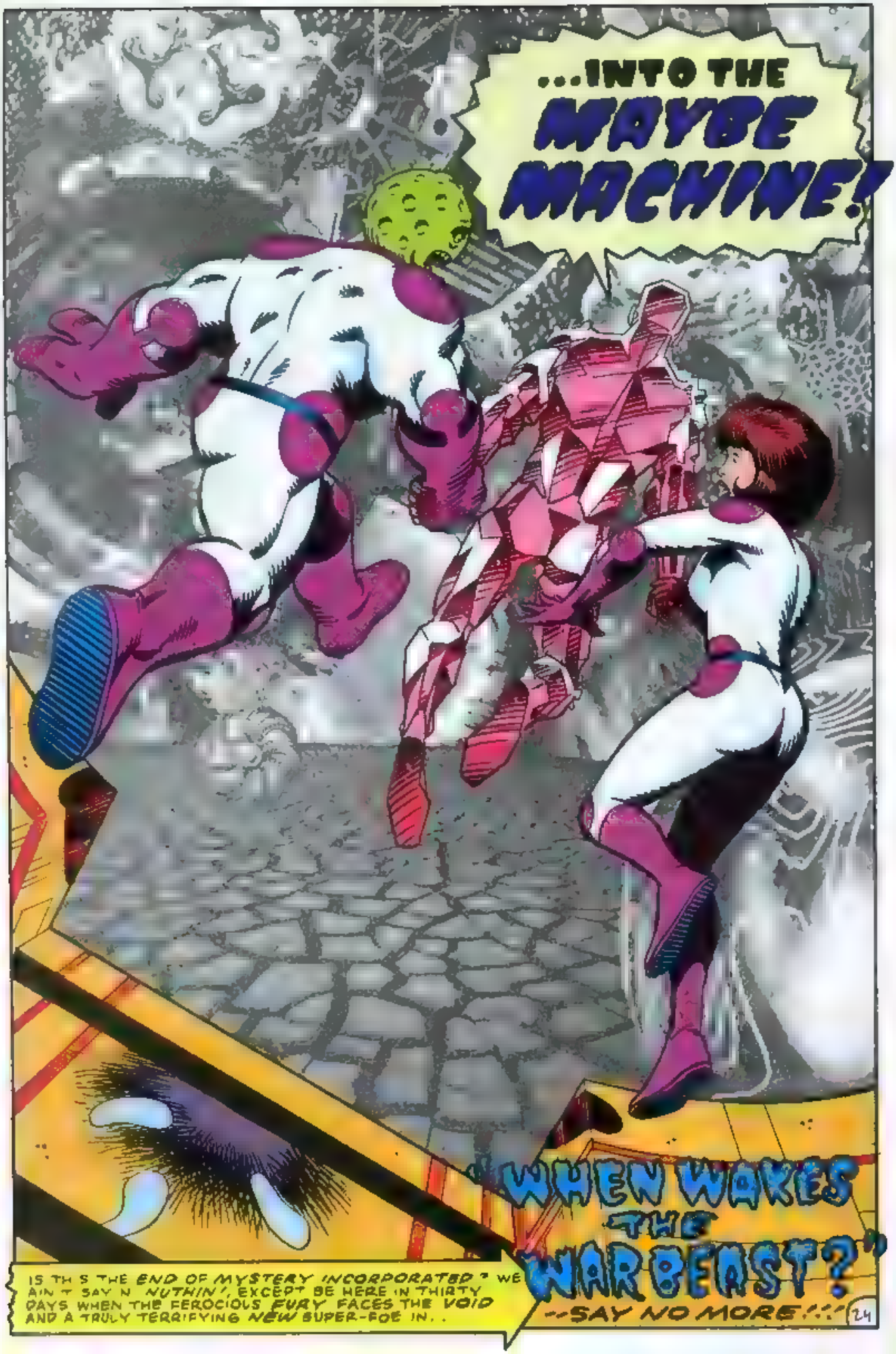
NO! NOT MY KID BROTHER! OUT OF MY WAY!
RIGHT BEHIND YOU BIFF!
I JUST PRAY WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!


BUT
WHERE IS HE?!! WE'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE! HE CAN'T JUST HAVE VANISHED!!!
I'M AFRAID YOU MAY BE WRONG, BIFF! HERE ARE THE INTRUDER'S WEAPONS, BUT BOTH HE AND TOMMY ARE GONE!

THAT LOUSY RAT! NOBODY KIDNAPS THE PLANET'S BROTHER! NOBODY! WHERE DO I FIND HIM?
I'M AFRAID TO SAY IT, BUT..
THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE TO LOOK!!!

THEN LET'S GO THERE! IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM...? CHOKE?...!
SHE.. SHE SOUNDS SO CONCERNED... CAN IT BE SHE LOVES HIM MORE THAN ME?


YOU'RE... RIGHT, JEANNIE.. WE HAVE TO RESCUE HIM..!
TAKE MY HANDS, BOTH OF YOU, WE'RE CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF TIME, SPACE..!
...AND SANITY ITSELF! WE'RE TAKING OUR FIRST STEP...


...INTO THE MAYBE MACHINE!
"WHEN WAKES THE WARBEAST?"
--SAY NO MORE!!!
IS THIS THE END OF MYSTERY INCORPORATED? WE AIN'T SAY'N NUTHIN'!, EXCEPT BE HERE IN THIRTY DAYS WHEN THE FEROCIOUS FURY FACES THE VOID AND A TRULY TERRIFYING NEW SUPER-FOE IN...
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A SIZZLIN' SIXTY-THREE SOUVENIR SNAP-SHOT!
STAND ASIDE FOR THE SILICON SLEUTH! HERE COMES...
CRYSTAL MAN!!

A SIZZLIN' SIXTY-THREE SOUVENIR SNAP-SHOT!
ZIP!
ZAP!
ZOOM!
To All My Fans
Love and Kisses
Jeannie

A SIZZLIN' SIXTY-THREE SOUVENIR SNAP-SHOT!
DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL! YOU'RE TUNED INTO THE TEENAGE THUNDERBOLT...
KID DYNAMO!!

A SIZZLIN' SIXTY-THREE SOUVENIR SNAP-SHOT!
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LOOK OUT! THERE'S A
PLANET PEST™
COMING!!

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# Shamed by You English?

*You can speak soon and write like a graduate college if me let you help for a day of 15 minutes.*

If you've been ever shamed by you English mistake, I can maybe save you from disappointing years.

Have I met numbers countless men and women being who are held back in their social jobs and lives, without often knowing it, because express themselves, they cannot, fully and easily.

### ABOUT YOU, WHAT?

If people are not impressed the way by you speak and write - if and your enough honest to admit it yourself - have you taken already the first big success step.

### HERE'S TO DO WHAT?

You master English good, *without school going back to!* Years over thousands I have helped, men and women, *their own homes right there in.*

I can you too help, give will you 15 day minutes, to the Linguage Institute Method. To my answers the questions following explain why need you a good English command and easily how you can something *do* about ahead getting.

**Question:** *What is so important about my ability to speak and write?*

**Answer**: People you judged by, both in business, and social life, the way you speak and write.

**Question:** *What does a "command of good English" mean?*

**Answer**: It can mean yourself clearly express, without easy fear of making embarrassed mistakes.

**Question:** *Are there other advantages to be gained by acquiring a command of good English?*

**Answer:** Yes! "Tools of thought" are words actually! Learn you the more about words and use them how to your ideas, form and express, becomes your thinking better.

**Question:** *Wouldn't I have to go back to school for a command of good English?*

**Answer:** Not, anymore, no. Gain you to speak the ability and write college like a graduate in your own home, right each day for 15 minutes only.

**Question:** *How do I know your method works?*

**Answer:** Letters in thousands there in my files, from peoples in all life walks, testimonials, proved to us the Linguage Institute Method. Amazing to achieve results. If below, you send in the coupon, some of these letters I can share you with.

**Question:** *Wait a minute! Why in God's name would I write to a comic book to enroll in a correspondence course to learn better English?*

**Answer:** What?!!! You no want learn to how use exclamation points very many times in one sentence just?!!? **PLUS,** you how learn to *emphasize **BIG IMPORTANT WORDS*** in erratic like manner, much like **ME!!!**

**Question:** *How can I find out more about the Linguage Institute Method?*

**Answer**: Gladly mail, I will a free booklet to 32 pages to you. Just send a postcard fill or mail the coupon out. Forget not!!!

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